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C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 8349

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI, TW  
SUBJECT: AFP STORY ON SHU LIN KOU PHASE-DOWN

REF: A) JCS WASHDC 020154Z DEC 76 B) COMUSTDC 151355Z DEC 76  
(NOTAL) C) COMUSTDC 190306Z DEC 76

1. TDC HAS ALREADY REPORTED THE FULLTEXT OF AFP ITEM ON PHASE  
DOWN OF SHU LIN KOU (REF C) AS CARRIED IN HONG KONG'S DECEMBER  
18 SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST. THE ARTICLE, ENTITLED "US TO CLOSE  
SPY POST" WAS WRITTEN BY TAIPEI AFP CORRESPONDENT CALIX CHU.

2. AS INDICATED REF B TDC SPOKESMAN, DRAWING FROM GUIDANCE  
PROVIDED IN REF A, RESPONDED DECEMBER 16 TO MINIMAL SET OF  
QUESTIONS POSED BY LONGTIME AFP RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT FROM  
WHICH LATTER HAS WRITTEN A STORY CARRYING  
FAR BEYOND BASIC GUIDANCE.

3. AS WE EXPECT THIS STORY WILL SHORTLY GENERATE FURTHER  
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SPECULATION BOTH HERE AND IN WASHINGTON WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING  
SUGGESTED RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC POINTS RAISED IN AFP DISPATCH:

A) WITH RESPECT TO FURTHER QUESTIONS STATING OR IMPLYING  
CLOSURE OF SHU LIN KOU (SLK), WE WOULD SAY THAT QUOTE AS RESULT OF  
TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS, A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL  
STATIONED AT SLK IS GOING TO BE POSSIBLE OVER COMING MONTHS

UNQUOTE. IF ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHETHER OR NOT THE STATION WILL BE CLOSED WE WOULD RESPOND THERE ARE NO PLANS TO CLOSE THE STATION. BEYOND THAT WE WOULD VOLUNTEER NOTHING BUT WOULD ANSWER IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE.

B) WITH REGARD TO SPECULATION CONTAINED IN PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH OF AFP STORY THAT THESE DRAW-DOWNS ARE SOMEHOW RELATED TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH PEKING, WE WOULD REFER TO PREPARED RESPONSES A7 AND A8 IN CURRENT GUIDANCE (REF A).

4. UNLESS WE HEAR TO THE CONTRARY, WE PLAN TO USE FOREGOING RESPONSES (IN ADDITION TO BASIC Q'S AND A'S) TO ANY FURTHER QUESTIONING HERE. ALSO, WE WOULD NEED TO KNOW SOONEST WHAT WASHINGTON OFFICIAL SOURCES INTEND TO SAY OR HAVE ALREADY SAID, IF ANYTHING, IN RESPONSE TO AFP STORY.  
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